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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS WITH BURMESE CONSUL GENERAL

THE FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI JUL 18 AND  
IS REPEATED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

CHIANG MAI 227

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH BURMESE CONSUL GENERAL

1. DURING DINNER JULY 17 HAD FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR  
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH NEWLY ARRIVED BURMESE CONSUL  
GENERAL MAJOR ONE TUN. MAJOR MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. OF ALL THE INSURGENT GROUPS FACING THE GUB THE  
BCP WHITE FLAG IS THE MOST DANGEROUS. THEY ARE WELL ARMED  
AND SUPPORTED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE BURMESE  
ARMY IS EXPENDING MOST OF ITS EFFORTS AGAINST THEM. HE  
SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE GUB COULD KEEP THE BCP/WF FROM  
MAKING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES SUCH AS THE CAPTURE OF  
KENG TUNG. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BCP MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
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CUT THE ROADS TO AND FROM THAT CITY;

B. SITUATION ALONG THE FRONTIER WITH THAILAND IS  
MOSTLY AN ANNOYANCE WHEN COMPARED WITH THE BCP PROBLEM;

C. OF ALL OF THE NON-COMMUNIST INSURGENTS THE  
KAREN ARE THE MOST DIFFICULT. ONE TUN SAID, HOWEVER,  
THAT THE KAREN ARE LOSING THEIR REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL AND  
BECOMING, MORE AND MORE, BUSINESSMEN. HE SAID THAT THEY DEAL  
IN TIN, WOLFRAM, BUT NOT REPEAT NOT OPIUM;

D. KKY. HE SAID THE GUB MOVED AGAINST THE KKY BECAUSE  
THEY WERE BECOMING TOO OBSTREGEROUS AND GREEDY. ONE TUN IND-

ICATED THAT USG CONCERN RE KKY'S NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING  
WAS ALSO A FACTOR IN GUB DECISION. HE ALSO SAID THAT AS  
TROOPS KKY WERE HIGHLY UNRELIABLE AND WOULD NOT STAND UP  
TO PRESSURE FROM ANYBODY;

E. IN DISCUSSING SMUGGLING HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED  
THAT JADE WAS AS IMPORTANT A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE  
DISSIDENTS AS OPIUM. SIGNED MONTGOMERY UNQUOTE  
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